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INTERFERENCE IN 2016 U.S. ELECTION IS ALLEGED

Investigation concludes 13 people, 3 companies worked to help Trump campaign

ICE dials up pressure on work sites

L.A.-area audits look for businesses hiring those in U.S. illegally.

By Adam Elmahrek

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents put on their navy blue jackets and walked into a trucking company's office in Carson this week, sending waves of anxiety rippling through the building.

In the lobby, a nervous office manager greeted the team from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations, twisting a black pen in her hands like a wet towel. A second manager joined them.

"I see people with vests and cameras," he said with an anxious chuckle. "That's not good."

The visit is part of a renewed wave in ICE's efforts to crack down on illegal immigration in the Trump era. Federal authorities are stepping up audits of businesses, hoping to catch employers who hired those here illegally. The agency's acting director wants to increase work-site enforcement 400%, part of a much larger effort to identify and deport those here without proper papers.

During a five-day operation in the Los Angeles area that ended Thursday, more than 120 businesses were is-

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"THERE IS NO allegation that any American was a willing participant" in the Russian effort, or that it changed the election's results, Deputy Atty. Gen. Rod Rosenstein said at a news conference in Washington.

FBI didn't follow tip on shooting suspect

Agency was warned about Nikolas Cruz's disturbing behavior.

By Kurtis Lee, Joseph Tanfani, Nina Agrawal and Molly Hennessy-Fiske

PARKLAND, Fla. — The FBI failed to properly investigate a tip it received last month about the young man accused of killing 17 people at a South Florida high

school this week, the agency said Friday in an admission that drew outrage from the families of the dead and calls from lawmakers for its director to resign.

On Jan. 5, a person close to Nikolas Cruz contacted the FBI to report that Cruz had posted disturbing messages on social media and that he had a desire to kill, according to the FBI statement.

The agency said proper "protocols were not followed" in investigating Cruz, who has been charged as the

gunman in the massacre Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Parkland.

The revelation deepened the sense that the attack could have been prevented if authorities had heeded various warnings about Cruz.

"I'm sick to know those kids may have been alive today if somebody had done their job," said Meredith Barry, whose 16-year-old daughter attends the school and lost one of her best

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YOUNG LIVES CUT SHORT

Of the Florida high school shooting's 17 victims, seven of them were just 14 years old. **NATION, A10**

Model's case may be the strongest against Weinstein

By Richard Winton

In the months since a long list of famous women across the globe began accusing producer Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault, one Los Angeles case is emerging as the most likely to result in criminal charges.

It involves an Italian model-actress who alleges Weinstein raped her in a Beverly Hills hotel room five years ago. According to law enforcement sources, detectives believe the case is promising because the woman told her story to

three people, including her priest, relatively soon after the alleged attack. LAPD detectives also have obtained bills showing she was at the hotel at the time, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Though the case is far from overwhelming — the sources said detectives have found little physical evidence of an attack and have been unable to secure proof that Weinstein was at the hotel when the woman says the rape occurred — prosecutors will have one additional weapon at their disposal: a California law that allows them to introduce allegations by other women,

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2018 OLYMPICS PYEONGCHANG

Olympians are Mexicans at heart

National team's four members bring north-of-the-border flavor

By Dylan Hernandez

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Robert Franco was born and raised in Northern California, the son of a Mexican father and Caucasian mother. He looks white and has forgotten much of the Spanish he spoke as a child.

But he does recall numerous trips to Jalisco and Guanajuato, the reunions with his *tios* and *primos* — uncles and cousins — in Puerto Vallarta. He played soccer, and Mexican food was always on the dining table of his family's home.

"I'm American and I'm Mexican," Franco concluded. "I'm both."



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SARAH SCHLEPER, Hubertus von Hohenlohe and Rodolfo Dickson, from left, are part of the Mexican contingent at the Pyeongchang Olympics.

A freestyle skier who will compete in slopestyle on Sunday, he has finished as high as sixth at the world championships. With dual citizenship, he had a choice to make between the United States and Mexico as to which nation he would represent in trying to qualify for the Olympics. As a U.S. athlete, he would have been a contender for one of the team's four spots. As a Mexican, he was a lock — provided he reached the Olympic qualifying standard in his sport, which included a top-30 world ranking.

So, during the Olympics' opening ceremony last week, Franco, 24, marched

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